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Football gains Hart and speed

by Geno McCree
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The search for a head football coach ended January 6 when Leon Hart, former Eastern Kentucky University offensive coordinator, signed a standard one-year contract.

Hart was at Eastern Kentucky for 13 years, during which the team reached the NCAA I-AA playoff 10 times. They also won the national championship in 1979 and 1982 and appeared in the finals in 1980 and 1981.

"I am accustomed to winning," Hart said. "At Eastern we won 98 games in the last ten years."

Hart comes to Elon with only one thing in mind: "I came to win championships."

Dr. Alan White, the athletic director, feels that Hart is the man for the job.

"He's a proven winner in a winning program, with a high energy level and vast experience in both coaching and recruiting. Coach Hart comes to us with the highest recommendations from both those he worked with and under at Eastern Kentucky and from other sources," said White.

One of Hart's first priorities is to pick his six-person staff of assistant coaches.

Hart has said that Larry McClain and Clay Hassard, both from the staff of former head coach Macky Carden, will remain probably, but not in the same positions as last year. Hart has been interviewing potential assistants.

Hart is looking for offensive and defensive coordinators, though he will probably coach the quarterbacks.

The kind of offense that Hart hopes to run will depend mainly on



Leon Hart

his quarterback. Hart would like to run the same offense as at Eastern Kentucky, which is mainly based on the I-formation.

From the I-formation, Hart hopes to run the I-trap, option, draws, and the sprint-draw pass.

Hart would like to have an attack balanced between the run and pass. Hart's football philosophy is based on speed. He said, "I want my team to have superior speed on the field. That's the most important thing I look for."

Along with speed, Hart also wants his team to have strict discipline. Some of the team members have said that his policy of discipline is enforced.

Hart wants to be able to communicate with his team in every aspect of the game and it all starts with discipline. The team is lifting weights under the direction of new lifting coach Hicks, former player at Eastern Kentucky under Hart.

Though Hart expects his players to excel on the field, he also wants them to excel in the classroom. Hart said "Academics are important to me."

Hart is a 1973 graduate from Maryville College, located in Tennessee. He received his masters degree in physical education in 1977 with a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Hart needs to make up for the recruiting loss. "This is a tremendous opportunity," Hart said "a winning program already in place and a beautiful campus which should make recruiting easy."

Hart also said, "It's the first thing that I mentioned to my wife as we drove around here for the first time-what a nice campus the school has. You can recruit in a place like this."

For a program to recover from the loss of a head coach, Hart has made the adjustment comfortable for the team, and feels it's just a matter of time before Elon College wins a championship.

Books vs. bucks

by Robyn Cochran
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The Elon Student Government Association wants a "book buy-back" program where students would have the option of buying and selling books among themselves instead of going through the Campus Shop.

The Elon administration says, however, the program would not be practical.

Robert Poindexter, vice president of administration, said that

although there have been "success stories" heard from other campuses such a program would be contrary to Elon students' interests.

Campus shop profits contribute to the college's general fund, he said, and any "decrease in revenue has to be made up somewhere," suggesting the possibility of a "raise in tuition."

"Tuition is the only major source of income" at Elon since the school is a non-profit, private institution, he noted.

Representatives of other schools, such as James Madison University and Shepherd College in W. Virginia, say such programs have allowed students to save money by setting their own prices.

An SGA administrative officer from JMU said the service benefits the students because the program is not meant for profit. Rob Borgstrom, Elon SGA president, stressed that the program is only an idea right now, but that it would give the students an option.

The SGA officer from JMU said that the bookstore there does not

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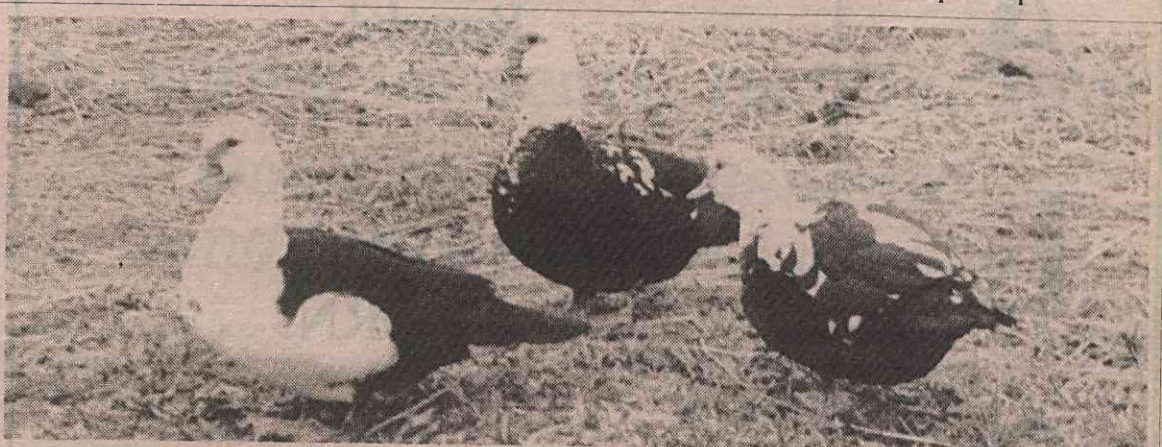


photo by Jerry Adams

Geesed...Our feathered friends are back, mourning the loss of their late friend. Beware duck haters!

Bigger and better

Police officers to find new home

by Michelle Anderson
Special to The Pendulum

The Elon College Police Department will move into new headquarters next spring that will include a breathalyser machine, booking room and a fitness facility for officers, according to Elon College Police Chief Dan Ingle.

The headquarters, which will be twice as large as the current facility, will be located in Elon

College's \$540,000 town hall, now under construction on Haggard Street near campus.

The investigation room and breathalyser room will be open until 5 p.m. That means that arrested individuals will have to be taken to Graham unless the two 24-hour patrolling officers may not always be there.

Contrary to rumors, the new police station will not have a holding cell. "Holding cells went out in the mid '70s," Ingle

said. He said a holding cell wasn't feasible for a small town like Elon because they require extra staffing.

Elon College Town Manager Beth Schmidt said the police department will have two separate entrances to eliminate interaction between arrested individuals and people doing business in the various police offices.

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